

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS  
BUREAU OF POSTS

Tacloban Oct. 31, 1944.

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of the National Defense and Communications,  
Tacloban, Leyte.

(Thru the Postoffice Inspector)

Sir:

I have the honor to report on the survey made between Tacloban and Palo on October 29th., regarding the general condition of the telegraph communications.

1. All telegraph apparatus at Tacloban and Palo were all taken by the Japanese.

2. We have no battery materials especially the jars as they were all taken by the Japanese.

3. There are enough wires along the road to put up two lines (one for the north and another for the south of Palo) between Tacloban and Palo. We may need some glass insulators, wooden plugs and brackets.

4. We don't have any splicing materials such as wire stretchers, clamps, pliers, diggers, shovels and axes to be used in the reconstruction.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To recover as soon as possible the wires along the road between Tacloban and Palo before they are lost. If possible the restoration should be made at the same time.

2. If we cannot secure the battery materials from the Army such as jars, copper sulphate, crowfoot-zinc and copper, we may use a generator 110v. D. C. for the main battery and 10 V. D. C. for the local which could be run by the local electric plant or by a motor of our own. For main and local batteries for Basey, Samar, we need dry cell batteries because of the cable.

3. If we can't secure the relays, sounders and keys we may use telephone apparatus in the meantime.

Very respectfully,  
*Walter G. Gumbert*  
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